

PLEASE NOTE:

**This will be the last Powerhouse Fire Update on the
LA County Emergency Alerts section.**

**POWERHOUSE FIRE UPDATE
6-6-13, 11 a.m. PDT**

Powerhouse Fire Quick Facts:

32,274 acres burned and 78 percent containment

Source of Information:

Powerhouse Fire Unified Command, U.S. Forest Service,
Los Angeles County Departments and Agencies

SUMMARY:

The Powerhouse Fire was reported to the fire authorities at approximately 3:30 p.m. on 5-30-13. The fire is now in its eighth day of action. The fire has burned 32,274 acres and is 78 percent contained. More than 300 structures remain threaten by the fire.

The fire continues to show heat as it burns up the vegetation, especially in the Cottonwood Campground area. There is still a potential threat of flare-ups across the Lake Elizabeth Canyon (North/West) area due to some heavy unburned fuels.

The firefighting efforts continue to make significant progress with the containment of the fire at 78 percent. Fire crews and Incident Management Teams are starting the process of de-mobilization as they are being returned back to their home departments and agencies. Overall, 40 local departments from California have assisted with the Powerhouse Fire efforts in addition to Federal and States resources represented.

All evacuation orders have been lifted for Antelope Acres from Lancaster Rd. to Hwy 138 (Ave. D), between 170th and 190th Streets; Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth communities; residential area at Munz Ranch Rd. and California Aqueduct; and areas north of South Portal and west of San Francisquito Canyon Rd. Access to these areas are for residents only (valid I.D.).

The American Red Cross (ARC) shelter at Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center is closed and the facility has been returned back to the City of Palmdale. ARC will continue to work with clients who utilized the shelter and continue to have a presence at the Powerhouse Fire Incident Command Post.

On 6-4-13, the Chairman of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency and requested that the Governor of the State of California issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) Adult Protective Services successfully contacted all of its clients and reported that none were displaced by the fire. The CSS Aging and Adult Services Call Center provided ARC shelter and cooling center information.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (PH) issued Boil Water notices to the residents living in the San Francisquito Canyon area. PH is also conducting inspections of the small water systems in the Lake Hughes impacted area.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services staff is on standby should the conditions change where a shelter will have to be re-opened. Currently, the ARC shelter at Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center in Palmdale is closed.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) was granted access to the impacted areas and continues the process of conducting damage assessments of the infrastructure and structures/buildings. DPW Damage Assessment teams have been allowed in the communities of Green Valley, Leona Valley, Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth areas.

The Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control staff is still on scene conducting operations at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. The staff continues the process of returning animals to their owners whose evacuation orders were lifted.

Southern California Edison continues its efforts in repairing and/or replacing damaged poles caused by the fire.

SENIORS, DISABLED and ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS

Los Angeles County Disaster Voluntary Registry for people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs:

<http://snap.lacounty.gov>

ANIMAL SHELTERS

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control

Lancaster Animal Shelter
5210 W. Ave. I
Lancaster, CA 91384

Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control

Castaic Animal Shelter
31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd.
Castaic, CA 91384

Antelope Valley Fair Grounds
2551 W. Ave. H
Lancaster, CA 93536

AMERICAN RED CROSS SHELTER - STATUS: CLOSED

Marie Kerr Park Recreational Center
2723 A Rancho Vista Blvd.
Palmdale, CA 93551

Entrance to shelter located on Rancho Vista Blvd. and 27th Street

DONATION OF ITEMS:

The American Red Cross is extremely thankful for a variety of donated goods received at the local shelter in Palmdale. There are now sufficient items for the shelter population. Additional donation goods should be directed to the community groups listed below:

Salvation Army – 44517 Sierra Highway, Lancaster, CA – (661) 948-3418

Goodwill – For locations visit www.goodwill.org

St. Vincent de Paul – 45058 Trevor, Lancaster, CA – (661) 942-3222

Grace Resource Center – 45134 N. Sierra Highway, Lancaster, CA – (661) 940-5272

Valley Oasis Thrift Shop – 3030 E. Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA – (661) 266-1948

South Antelope Valley Emergency Services – 1002 E. Ave. Q-12, Palmdale, CA – (661) 267-5191

ROADS RE-OPEN TO RESIDENTS ONLY (VALID I.D.)

Spunky Canyon Rd. at Bouquet Canyon Rd.

Munz Ranch Rd. at Lancaster Rd.

San Francisquito Canyon Rd. at Dry Gulch Motorway

110th St. West at Ave. K

Lake Elizabeth Canyon Rd. at 90th St. West

205th St. West at Lancaster Rd.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Ridge Route Rd. at Lake Hughes Rd.

Pine Canyon Rd. from Three Points to Lake Hughes Rd.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

For more information on disaster preparedness, please go to the following websites:

<http://lacounty.gov> - LA County Emergency Survival Guide

<http://lacoa.org> - LA County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management

<http://snap.lacounty.gov> - Disaster Voluntary Registry

<http://espfocus.org> – Emergency Survival Program

<http://fire.lacounty.gov> - Ready, Set, Go